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For: VASCULAR PROSTHESIS

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 22, 2004, for which a response is due on July 22, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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